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AGC/CCI to buy Cobblestone Golf
By PETER BLAIS
DEL MAR, Calif. — Two major players in the golf course management industry — American Golf Corporation and ClubCorp Inc. — have joined together to acquire Del Mar-based Cobblestone Golf Group from the Meditrust Companies for $241 million.

Meditrust, a Massachusetts-based real estate investment trust (REIT), bought Cobblestone in late 1997 for $241 million. Cobblestone nearly doubled in size under the Meditrust banner. But the REIT experienced some

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Griffin walks the walk
By MARK LESLIE
ORLANDO, Fla. — Griffin Industries has become the first company to join the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary System, committing its 20-odd properties around the country to environmental stewardship.

Audubon to open first course this fall
By MARK LESLIE
MEMPHIS, Tenn. — It was a different process but the same result: The first Audubon International Golf Course will open here this fall — the Jack Nicklaus-designed Spring Creek Ranch.

"This is not how we thought we'd get there," said Audubon International (AI) President Ron Dodson, "but it is truly the first Audubon International Golf Course."

AI courses, thought for the last year to be on the verge of reality, have been stalled for one reason or another — to a greater extent because Dodson and AI-affiliated scientists are writing the "rules book" as they go. In fall 1997, the AI Golf and the

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